

Section 1619 Participants

Table 9.—Number of section 1619(a) and 1619(b) participants and percentage change from preceding period, for selected months, 1982–2000

At end of selected month	1619(a) participants		1619(b) participants ¹	
	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change
December: ²				
1982	287	...	5,515	...
1983	392	...	5,165	...
1987	14,559	...	15,632	...
1988	19,920	36.8	15,625	.0
1989	25,655	28.8	18,254	16.8
1990	13,994	-45.5	23,517	28.8
1991	15,531	11.0	27,264	15.9
1992	17,603	13.3	31,649	16.1
1993	20,028	13.8	35,299	11.5
1994	24,315	21.4	40,683	15.3
1995	28,060	15.4	47,002	15.5
1996	31,085	10.8	51,905	10.4
1997	34,673	11.5	57,089	10.0
1998	37,271	7.5	59,542	4.3
1999	25,528	-31.5	69,265	16.3
1998				
March	34,637	-.1	54,639	-4.3
June.....	35,528	2.6	55,761	2.1
September.....	37,216	4.8	58,183	4.3
December.....	37,271	.1	59,542	2.3
1999				
March	39,457	5.9	63,431	6.5
June.....	23,304	-40.9	66,939	5.5
September.....	23,914	2.6	70,580	5.4
December.....	25,528	6.7	69,265	-1.9
2000				
March	25,055	-1.9	69,545	.4
June.....	25,837	3.1	77,782	11.8

¹ Includes blind participants. For June 2000, of the 77,782 participants, 1,326 were blind.

² Data not available for December 1984, 1985, and 1986.

NOTE: In January 1990, the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level was raised from \$300 to \$500 and section 1619(a) participants with earnings below \$500 became eligible for regular SSI benefits rather than the special cash payments under section 1619(a). This is reflected in the decrease shown for 1990. In July 1999, the SGA level was increased to \$700, resulting in the decrease shown for June 1999.